



## Merrimack Station FGD On Site Visit

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Yesterday I had a long conversation with Allen Palmer concerning why PSNH does not want EPA to come on site at Merrimack Station. I explained to Palmer it would be to PSNH's advantage to explain to EPA how the Zero Liquid Discharge/Vapor Compression (ZLD/VC) equipment added to the FGD wastewater treatment system works. Palmer appears to agree that it would be beneficial for PSNH to allow EPA on site. Palmer said there are two reasons for this. First, it would provide PSNH an opportunity to explain directly to EPA why PSNH was "forced" to install the ZLD/VC equipment. (Essentially, their point will be that in order to begin recovering the cost for the FGD system, PSNH had to begin operation of the FGD without a NPDES permit) Secondly, PSNH will have the opportunity to explain directly to the EPA why the company does not consider the ZLD/VC BAT.

Palmer stated he almost had Bill Smagula convinced to allow EPA on site. He also stated Linda Landis would be present if EPA came on site. I replied was fine with EPA, since we would also have Mark and Yen in our party.

I suggest that I follow up yesterdays conversation with Palmer next week. If he says PSNH is amenable to EPA coming on site, I ask that Mark formerly confirm our on site visit at Merrimack Station with Landis.

John